

United States District Court

EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

COURT MINUTES

HON. **DAVID E. JONES**, presiding.

DATE: **April 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.**

CASE NO. **18-CR-62**

UNITED STATES v. **BRIAN L. GANOS**,

MARK F. SPINDLER, SONAG COMPANY INC.

PROCEEDING: **SCHEDULING CONFERENCE (COUNSEL ONLY)**

UNITED STATES by: **Matthew D. Krueger, Zachary J. Corey**

DEFENDANTS: **BRIAN L. GANOS, MARK F. SPINDLER,**

SONAG COMPANY INC., not present, and by

ATTORNEY: **Marcus J. Berghahn for Brian L. Ganos**

Brian T. Fahl for Mark F. Spindler

Dean A. Strang for Sonag Company, Inc.

Deputy Clerk: Katina Hubacz

Court Reporter: Liberty

Time Called: 10:03:39

Time Concluded: 10:26:04

Case has been designated complex

GOVT:

- gives background of the case
- discovery is voluminous
- financial records, interviews of dozens of witnesses, documents related to search warrants
- has been long term investigation
- completed production of discovery yesterday
- organizing to make items more accessible to defense counsel
- have open line of communication with defense counsel

DEFENSE:

Mr. Strang:

- have had great cooperation and communication with Govt
- in possession of first 14 of the groupings as Govt has organized - 3 groupings are about 3 terabytes and are not readily producible
- believe could set motions deadline today set out 120 days - joint proposal w/Deft Ganos

- suggest another conference in 60 days and a possible evidentiary date, if needed
- parties have discussed and would like a trial date set - trial est is 2 weeks - request March or April 2019 but can do earlier

Mr. Fahl:

- agrees with Mr. Strang's representation and feels 120 days is reasonable

GOVT:

- feels 120 days is reasonable and would like a trial date as well but would prefer earlier than March or April 2019

COURT:

- will inform Judge Pepper of the parties desire to set a trial date and that are looking at the weeks of February 4 or 11, 2019. Mr. Fahl is not available the last two weeks of January 2019.

Status Conference (Counsel Only) set for: 6/28/18 at 10:00 a.m.

Evidentiary Hearing set for: 9/20/18 9:30 a.m.

Motions due: 8/24/18

If evidentiary hearing is not needed, parties should follow motion practice for any responses and replies.

Extensions will be considered.

Court makes a speedy trial finding pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A) and (B)(iv). The ends of justice served by taking this action outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendants in a speedy trial. Failure to grant such a continuance would deny counsel reasonable time necessary for effective preparation. The time from today's date until 8/24/2018 is excluded under the Speedy Trial Act.